

Festive Things Quilt



4x4 5x5 6x6 7x7

Sweet Pea
MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Block of the Week Festive Things Quilt Assembly Instructions

There are no final dimensions included for this quilt design as it is intended for you to make your quilt as how you would like it. Please keep in mind that our quilt is a sample size only.

WORKING OUT FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

BLOCKS - Work out how many blocks you are having in your quilt. Then multiply it by how much background fabric is required for your size block. You can use this method to also calculate the other fabrics in each block.

BACKING - The size will depend upon how big you intend to make your quilt.

To calculate, use your hoop size and multiply that by the number of blocks you are having. Add the width of your borders to the length and the width of the quilt.

BACK BINDING - Measure the finished length and width of the quilt (including borders). You will need an excess of around 2" inches on each side. Once attached (wrong sides together), trim your sides to 1 ¼" inches. Working from the front, press-over the cut edge twice to form a faux binding finish, mitre each corner as you go.

USING YOUR REGULAR SEWING MACHINE:

JOINING THE BLOCKS

Lay out your blocks on a flat surface and decide on your layout.



Start off by joining the blocks in rows. Place the first two blocks **right sides** together.



Pin and stitch the side seam on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later.



Continue this until you have joined the remaining blocks in that row together. Open out the stitched seams and iron flat.



Continue this until you have each horizontal row of blocks joined.



Next, join the horizontal rows to each other by placing the first two rows right sides together. Pin and stitch the seams on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later. Open out the stitched seams and iron flat.



Continue this until you have joined all the horizontal rows together.



If needed, trim the edges to make them even.

CREATING THE BACK AND BINDING OF THE QUILT

Place **Backing/Binding fabric** on your table, wrong side facing up. Then place your sewn quilt on top of **Backing/Binding fabric**, **wrong sides** together. Pin them together. **Optional – You can spray them together with fabric spray as well.**



To keep all the layers of the quilt together, we can “**stitch in the ditch.**” This process will help keep the seams flat during the laundry process and will keep it flat during its lifetime.

Stitching in the ditch is an invisible finish on the front and the stitching lines are only visible on the backside of the quilt. **Ensure the bobbin thread on the underside of the quilt matches the fabric, and the top thread on the top of the quilt is invisible thread.** Decide what seams need ditch stitching on the quilt. Not every seam needs to be stitched; choosing the main seams that will hold the central blocks flat is quite acceptable.



Trim the excess backing so it is exactly 1¼ inch bigger than the quilt. **THIS EXTRA FABRIC WILL BE USED AS THE BINDING.**



Starting on any side, fold the backing fabric in half and then fold in half again making sure you fold it just over your seam stitching and pin (we started pinning in the middle). Continue pinning your binding until you reach your first corner.



When you get to the corner, try to make a nice, mitred corner. Turn your binding in at the corner and continue folding the same way as we did for the first side of the binding. You can iron your folds as you go if this helps with your mitred corners. Fold a final time and pin the corner in place.





Continue pinning right around the quilt.



Starting anywhere, sew the binding to the quilt just inside the folded edge of the binding. If you want, change your bobbin thread to match your backing.



When you get to the corner, simply leave your needle down and lift the foot and rotate the quilt. Put the foot down and continue stitching in this fashion until you are right around the quilt.



Press.



Your Festive Things Quilt is now complete!

